

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Agriculture Appropriations, 1999 Conference Report.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4194, VA, HUD Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11529–S11642

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2552–2562, S. Con. Res. 124, and S. Res. 288. Page S11582

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1404, to establish a Federal Commission on Statistical Policy to study the reorganization of the Federal statistical system, to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency of Federal statistical programs and the quality of Federal statistics by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–367)

Report to accompany S. 2117, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system. (S. Rept. No. 105–368)

Report to accompany S. 744, to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system. (S. Rept. No. 105–369)

Report to accompany S. 736, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District. (S. Rept. No. 105–370)

S. 2238, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–371)

Report to accompany S. 2151, to clarify Federal law to prohibit the dispensing or distribution of a controlled substance for the purpose of causing, or assisting in causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual. (S. Rept. No. 105–372)

S. 2402, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2413, to provide for the development of a management plan for the Woodland Lake Park tract in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in the State of Arizona reflecting the current use of the tract as a public park, with amendments.

S. 2458, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the creation of the Morristown National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes” to authorize the acquisition of property known as the “Warren Property”.

S. 2513, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land located within or adjacent to Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange other Federal land in Oregon.

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Measures Passed:

Reading Excellence Act: Senate passed H.R. 2614, to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, and to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Jeffords Amendment No. 3740, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11536–39**

Judicial Anti-Nepotism: Senate passed S. 1892, to provide that a person closely related to a judge of a court exercising judicial power under article III of the United States Constitution (other than the Supreme Court) may not be appointed as a judge of the same court. **Pages S11578–79**

Library of Congress Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3790, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Library of Congress, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11638**

Consumer Reporting Employment Clarification Act: Senate passed S. 2561, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to furnishing and using consumer reports for employment purposes. **Pages S11638–39**

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Promotion Act: Senate passed H.R. 4248, to authorize the use of receipts from the sale of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to promote additional stamp purchases, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11639**

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Authorization: Senate passed S. 2095, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, after withdrawing the committee amendments and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11639–42**

Snowe (for Chafee) Amendment No. 3749, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11640–41**

Agriculture Appropriations, 1999—Conference Report: By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 298), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11545–69**

Internet Tax Freedom Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S11572–77**

Adopted:

McCain (for Frist) Amendment No. 3743, authorizing funds for a grant to Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, to establish the Oregon Institute of Public Service and Constitutional Studies at the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government. **Page S11577**

Rejected:

Graham Amendment No. 3729, to require a supermajority of both Houses to extend the moratorium. (By 83 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 299), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11572–75**

Bumpers/Graham Amendment No. 3742, to require persons selling tangible personal property via the Internet to disclose to purchasers that they may be subject to State and local sales and use taxes on the purchases. (By 71 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 300), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11575–76**

Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the bill on Wednesday, October 7, 1998.

VA/HUD Appropriations, 1999 Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4194, making appropriations for Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S11642**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of William A. Fletcher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, with a vote to occur thereon, and to consider the nominations of H. Dean Buttram, Jr., and Inge Prytz Johnson, each to be a United States District Judge of the Northern District of Alabama, and Robert Bruce King, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S11577**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kay Kelley Arnold, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2004.

Donnie R. Marshall, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Jose Antonio Perez, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years. **Page S11642**

Messages From the House: **Pages S11580–81**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S11582**

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Additional Cosponsors: Page S11586

Amendments Submitted: Pages S11588–S11629

Authority for Committees: Pages S11629–30

Additional Statements: Pages S11630–38

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—300) Pages S11569, S11575–76

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 7, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11642.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine worldwide threats facing the United States and potential United States operational and contingency requirements, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2178, to amend the National Housing Act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to insure mortgages for the acquisition, construction, or substantial rehabilitation of child care and development facilities and to establish the Children's Development Commission to certify such facilities for such insurance, after receiving testimony from Senator Kohl; Representatives Maloney and Baker; Mildred Kiefer Wurf, on behalf of the Girls Incorporated and the National Collaboration for Youth, and Melinda Green, National Black Child Development Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Faith Wohl, Child Care Action Campaign, New York, New York; and Cheryl Luce, Boothwyn, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of David Micaela, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, and Rose Eileen Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Non-Proliferation and National Security, both of the Department of Energy, and Eljay B. Bowron, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior;

S. 2402, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2413, to provide for the development of a management plan for the Woodland Lake Park tract in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in the State of Arizona reflecting the current use of the tract as a public park, with amendments;

S. 2513, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land located within or adjacent to Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange other Federal land in Oregon; and

S. 2458, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of the Morristown National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes" to authorize the acquisition of property known as the "Warren Property".

ACID DEPOSITION CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on S. 1097, to reduce acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from Senator D'Amato; Representative Solomon; Brian J. McLean, Director, Acid Rain Division, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Edward Kropp, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Charleston; Bernard Melewski, Adirondack Council, Albany, New York; and William F. Tyn dall, Cinergy Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio.

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine a report on the nature and extent of the existing and emerging ballistic missile threat to the United States, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, former Secretary of Defense, Barry M. Blechman, former Assistant Director for Weapons Evaluation and Control, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and William Robert Graham, former Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, and former Deputy Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, all on behalf of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States (Rumsfeld Commission).

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Sylvia M. Mathews, of West Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Byrd and

Rockefeller, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

COAL ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act of 1992 (Coal Act), focusing on the financial status of the funding of health benefits for retired coal miners and how the recent Supreme Court ruling in *Eastern Enterprises v. Apfel* will impact on the financial management of the United Mine Workers of America's Combined Benefit Fund, after receiving testimony from Senators Rockefeller and Conrad; Kathy Karpan, Director, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and Marilyn O'Connell, Associate Commissioner for Program Benefits, Social Security Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of William J. Hibbler and Matthew F. Kennelly, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Yvette Kane and James M. Munley, each to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District

of Pennsylvania, Alex R. Munson, to be a Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and Francis M. Allegra, of Virginia, Lawrence Baskir, of Maryland, Lynn Jeanne Bush, of the District of Columbia, Edward J. Damich, of Virginia, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Messrs. Hibbler and Kennelly were introduced by Senator Durbin, Ms. Kane was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, Mr. Munley was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum and Representative McDade, Mr. Munson was introduced by Northern Mariana Islands Resident Representative Juan Babauta, Messrs. Allegra and Damich and Ms. Firestone were introduced by Senator Robb, Mr. Baskir was introduced by Senator Sarbanes, and Ms. Bush was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Eligah Dane Clark, of Alabama, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and Edward A. Powell, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4705–4711, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1842, to terminate further development and implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative (H. Rept. 105–781);

H.R. 3087, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugach Alaska Corporation, amended (H. Rept. 105–782);

H.R. 2756, to authorize an exchange of property between the Kake Tribal Corporation and the Sealaska Corporation and the United States, amended (H. Rept. 105–783);

H.R. 3088, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange (H. Rept. 105–784);

H.R. 4389, to provide for the conveyance of various reclamation project facilities to local water authorities, amended (H. Rept. 105–785);

Conference report on H.R. 3874, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003 (H. Rept. 105–786);

H.R. 3610, to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public (H. Rept. 105–787 Part 1); and

Conference report on S. 2206, to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets (H. Rept. 105–788).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bass to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9593**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H9594**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed H.R. 1794, for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmine" Salehi; and H.R. 1834, for the relief of Mercedes Del Carmen Quiroz Martinez Cruz. The House passed over without prejudice S. 1304, for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

Pages H9594–95

VA, HUD Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a ye and nay vote of 409 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 483.

Pages H9611–25

H. Res. 574, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report accompanying the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H9597–H9611

Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Rogers, Kolbe, Taylor of North Carolina, Regula, Latham, Livingston, Young of Florida, Mollohan, Skaggs, Dixon, and Obey.

Pages H9625–26

Agreed to the Mollohan motion to instruct conferees to not concur in any Senate legislative provisions or any extraneous legislative provisions, which are outside the scope of Conference, which could have the effect of causing a government shutdown.

Pages H9625–26

Consideration of Certain Resolutions from Rules Committee: The House agreed to H. Res. 575, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 218 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 484.

Pages H9626–28

Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Demonstration Project: The House passed H.R. 4259, to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures.

Pages H9629–46

Rejected:

The Cummings amendment in the nature of a substitute to authorize Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico to conduct personnel demonstration projects, stipulates oversight by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and requires that the projects will be subject to existing civil service procedures, including retirement and benefit programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 485).

Pages H9642–45

H. Res. 576, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H9628–29

Late Reports: Conference committees received permission to have until midnight on October 6 to file conference reports on H.R. 3874, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003; and S. 2206, to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets.

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Consideration of Intelligence Authorization Conference Report: Agreed that on October 7, or any day thereafter, it may be in order to consider the conference report on H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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Consideration of Suspensions: Pursuant to H. Res. 575, agreed to consider the following measures under suspension of the rules on Wednesday, Oct. 7: H.R. 4679, H.R. 3783, H.R. 8, H.R. 4657, H.R. 4656, S. 2505, H.R. 2921, H.R. 4616, H.R. 2348, H. Con. Res. 331, S. 2022, S. 512, S. 1976, H.R. 804, and H.R. 4293.

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Permitting Official Photographs: The House agreed to H. Res. 577, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9593, H9647, and H9964.

Referrals: S. 2505, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho, to the University of Idaho, was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9625, H9628, and H9644–45. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KYOTO PROTOCOL

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on The Kyoto Protocol: The Outlook for Buenos Aires and Beyond. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisors; Melinda Kimble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SUBPOENA—PORTALS INVESTIGATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations authorized the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to Reed E. Hundt in connection with the Subcommittee's ongoing Portals investigation.

PORTALS INVESTIGATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payment of fees to those representatives. Testimony was heard from James R. Sasser, Ambassador to China; Franklin L. Haney, Franklin L. Haney Company; Peter Knight and Jody Trapasso, both with Wunder, Knight, Levine, Thelen and Forsey.

Hearings continue October 9.

TEAMSTERS' STRIKE AT DIAMOND WALNUT GROWERS—EFFORTS TO SETTLE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Efforts to Settle the Teamsters' strike at Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, former U.S. Trade Representative; Jennifer O'Connor, former White House Special Assistant to the President; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S FOREIGN VISITOR PROGRAM

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Foreign Visitor Program. Testimony was heard from Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General, Resources, Community and Economic Development, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Energy: Elizabeth Moler, Deputy Secretary; John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory; C. Paul Richardson, Director, Sandia National Laboratories; and C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

TOHONO O'ODHAM RELIGIOUS AREA RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 4119, Tohono O'odham Religious Area Restoration Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Pastor; Pat Shea, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on High Performance Computing. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Joseph Bordogna, Acting Deputy Director, NSF; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES RELATED TO Y2K PROBLEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Continued hearings to review Transportation and Infrastructure Issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem "Y2K: Will We Get There On Time?" with emphasis on Highways, Pipelines and Public Buildings Issues. Testimony was heard from David Barram, Administrator, GSA; from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Steven Van Beck, Deputy Administrator, Research and Special Projects Administration; and Gloria Jeff, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Kathleen Hirning, Chief Information Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Michael Heyman, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Kathy Hoftstedt, Year 2000 Project Manager, Department of Transportation, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN LEGION

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Harold L. Miller, American Legion, Washington, D.C.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

Conferees met to further resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

AUTHORIZATION—CHILD NUTRITION/WIC

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3874, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003.

AUTHORIZATION—INTELLIGENCE

Conferees on Monday, October 5, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3694, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1067)

H.R. 1856, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to promote volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges. Signed October 5, 1998. (P.L. 105-242)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on the nomination of Ira G. Peppercorn, of

Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nominations of Isadore Rosenthal, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and William Clifford Smith, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of William B. Bader, of New Jersey, to be Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Information Agency, Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and C. David Welch, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on the nominations of Dana Bruce Covington, Sr., of Mississippi, and Edward Jay Gleiman, of Maryland, each to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, and David M. Walker, of Georgia, to be Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the implications of military adultery standards, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings on H.R. 1833, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further Self-Governance by Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, to hold hearings to examine information technology readiness of general business services for the Year 2000, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House

Committee on Commerce, hearing on the Implementation of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, oversight hearing on Ex-Im Bank, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on the state of U.S. military forces and their ability to execute the National military strategy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider a report concerning the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument; to be followed by a hearing on H.R. 2822, Swan Creek Black River Confederated Ojibwa Tribes of Michigan Act, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, oversight hearing on the International Space Station, The Administration's Proposed Bail-Out for Russia, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Technology, joint oversight hearing on Transferring the Domain Name System to the Private Sector: Private Sector Implementation of the Administration's Internet "White Paper", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to continue hearings to review Transportation and Infrastructure Issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem "Y2K: Will We Get There On Time?" 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings on proposals to stabilize the international economy, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

Conferees, on H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, 3 p.m., SD-430.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 10, Financial Services Act, following which Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on S. 442, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

Senate may also consider any conference reports or legislative or executive items cleared for action.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 7

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3694, Intelligence Authorization Act for FY99 Conference Report (unanimous consent agreement, waiving points or order);

Consideration of H.R. 4570, Omnibus National Parks and Public Lands Act of 1998 (modified closed rule, 1 hour of general debate);

Consideration of 18 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 4679, Antimicrobial Regulation Technical Corrections Act of 1998;

2. H.R. 3783, Child Online Protection Act;
3. H.R. 2921, Multichannel Video Competition and Consumer Protection Act;
4. H.R. 8, Border Smog Reduction Act;
5. S. 2505, To Convey Title to the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho;
6. S. 2094, Fish and Wildlife Revenue Enhancement Act of 1998;
7. H.R. 2886, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act;
8. H.R. 3796, Rogue River National Forest;
9. H.R. 4616, Designating the Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office;
10. H.R. 2348, Designating the Mervyn Dymally Post Office Building;
11. S. 2022, Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998;
12. H.R. 4151, Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act;
13. S. 1976, Crime Victims With Disabilities Awareness Act;
14. H.R. 804, Regarding Federal Funds Made Available to Hire or Rehire Law Enforcement Officers;
15. H.R. 4293, Cultural and Training Program for Individuals from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland;
16. S. 53, Curt Flood Act;
17. S.J. Res. 51, Granting the Consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact; and
18. S. 1021, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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